

SENATE BILL 285

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
relative to the Tennessee Nurse Home Visitor
Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-2508, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) If the department of health has not disbursed any grant funds pursuant to this part by December 31, 2009, the commissioner of health shall appear before the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee and the house health and human resources committee of the house of representatives on or before March 1, 2010, and testify under oath concerning the reasons for the failure of the department to implement this part. In support of this testimony, on or before the date of the testimony, the commissioner shall provide copies of all memoranda, correspondence, announcements, email and any other documents relating to the nurse home visitor program in the possession of the department. Any failure to fully and completely comply with this subsection (b) shall constitute contempt under § 3-3-110 and shall be punished under § 3-3-111.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.